

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Previously Amended) A pressure sensitive sealant composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein said pressure sensitive sealant composition has a peel strength ranging from 10 to 50 N/25 mm at a temperature of about 23°C.

~~3. (Previously Amended) A method for sealing a member, comprising:~~

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mixing together (a) 100 parts by weight of a component A that is at least one copolymer selected from the group consisting of hydrogenated styrene-butadiene copolymers, hydrogenated styrene-isoprene copolymers, and modified copolymers thereof; (b) 20-60 parts by weight of a component B that is at least one tackifier selected from the group consisting of petroleum resins, terpene resins, rosin resins, coumarone-indene resins, hydrogenated resins thereof, and modified resins thereof; and (c) 150-400 parts by weight of a component C that is a hydrocarbonic plasticizer, thereby to prepare a pressure sensitive sealant composition consisting essentially of 10-40 wt% of said component A, said component B, and 42-62 wt% of said component C;

heating said pressure sensitive sealant composition; and

applying said heated pressure sensitive sealant composition to the member.

4. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 3, further comprising discharging said pressure sensitive sealant composition through a nozzle.

5. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 4, wherein said discharging includes forming said pressure sensitive sealant composition into state of a bead.

6. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 5, further comprising setting said applied pressure sensitive sealant composition at a position to be used, in which said pressure sensitive sealant composition is compressed within a range of not higher than 80 % in a cross-sectional height of said pressure sensitive sealant composition of the bead state.

7. (Previously Amended) A method for sealing a member, comprising:

mixing together (A) 100 parts by weight of a component A that is at least one copolymer selected from the group consisting of hydrogenated styrene-butadiene copolymers, hydrogenated styrene-isoprene copolymers, and modified copolymers thereof; (B) 20-60 parts by weight of a component B that is at least one tackifier selected from the group consisting of petroleum resins, terpene resins, rosin resins, coumarone-indene resins, hydrogenated resins thereof, and modified resins thereof; and (C) 150-400 parts by weight of a component C that is a hydrocarbonic plasticizer, thereby to prepare a pressure sensitive sealant composition consisting essentially of 10-40 wt% of said component A, said component B, and 42-62 wt% of said component C;

forming said pressure sensitive sealant composition into a predetermined shape; and

applying said pressure sensitive sealant composition of the predetermined shape to the member.

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8. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 7, wherein said forming includes forming said pressure sensitive sealant composition into state of a bead.

9. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 8, further comprising setting said applied pressure sensitive sealant composition at a position to be used, in which said pressure sensitive sealant composition is compressed within a range of not higher than 80 % in a cross-sectional height of said pressure sensitive sealant composition of the bead state.

~~10.~~ (Previously Amended). A pressure sensitive sealant composition consisting essentially of:

(a) 10-40 wt% of a component A that is at least one copolymer selected from the group consisting of hydrogenated styrene-butadiene copolymers, hydrogenated styrene-isoprene copolymers, and modified copolymers thereof;

(b) a component B that is at least one tackifier selected from the group consisting of petroleum resins, terpene resins, rosin resins, coumarone-indene resins, hydrogenated resins thereof, and modified resins thereof; and

(c) 42-62 wt% of a component C that is a hydrocarbonic plasticizer,

wherein said pressure sensitive sealant composition is prepared by mixing together 100 parts by weight of said component A, 20-60 parts by weight of said component B, and 150-400 parts by weight of said component C.

11. (Previously Amended) A pressure sensitive sealant composition as claimed in claim 10, further consisting essentially of 6-14 wt% of said component B.

12. (Previously Amended) A pressure sensitive sealant composition as claimed in claim 10, further consisting essentially of 25-30 wt% of said component A.

13. (Previously Added) A pressure sensitive sealant composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein the pressure sensitive sealant composition can be peeled off from a surface without leaving remains of the pressure sensitive sealant composition on the surface.

14. (New) A pressure sensitive sealant composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein said hydrocarbonic plasticizer is selected from the group consisting of liquid paraffin, polybutene and liquid polybutadiene.